



The Michael J. Petrides School Middle School Newsletter Grade 7/8

January 2018



"Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year." Ralph Waldo Emerson

Dear Middle School Parents,

Welcome back and best wishes for a wonderful new year. I hope 2018 brings you nothing but good things. We certainly have some exciting things planned for January! Our second annual Holiday Classic was a big success as was the educational/entertaining performance by Temple of the Arts and the Harlem Magic Masters! The children had lots of fun and it was certainly the perfect way to enjoy the holiday season.

The Middle School teachers have scheduled the following opportunities for you to visit and spend some time with us during the month of January. Please note the dates here:

Grade	Class	Date	Time/Period	Parents as Partners Workshop
7	720	January 23, 2018	10:30 – 11:00 am	Rise Up Investigating through the Lens of Hamilton the Musical
7	721	January 23, 2018	9:45 – 10:15 am	Rise Up Investigation through the Lens of Hamilton the Musical
7	722	January 23, 2018	8:15 – 8:45 am	Rise Up Investigation through the Lens of Hamilton the Musical
8	820	January 10, 2018	8:30 – 9:30 am	Microscope Stations
8	821	January 8, 2018	8:30 – 9:30 am	Microscope Stations
8	822	January 8, 2018	1:15 – 2:20 pm	Microscope Stations

The College Access for All Initiative is continuing this year at Petrides. Our seventh graders have had a college visit to Wagner College and completed the first of their lessons. On January 11, 2018 the seventh grade students will attend "The College Fair" presented by our Humanities Academy.

As per our new school uniform policy, **ALL** students are required to wear uniforms every day to school. The uniform policy consists of light blue top and navy blue bottoms. Middle school students can wear Petrides Phys Ed uniforms on Phys Ed days or ANY SCHOOL SPIRIT WEAR. Uniforms can be ordered online at josephsportny@yahoo.com. **The telephone number is 347 – 768 – 2049.** Uniforms will be delivered to school and distributed by Mr. Michael Duffy. You may also purchase a school uniform at any local store that carries school uniform wear.

National Junior Honor Society applications are available in my office. The application deadline is Friday, March 2, 2018. Students in grades 6, 7 and 8 are encouraged to apply. Students can earn community service hours during our PAL after school program. National Junior Honor Society will be running as a club after school on Wednesday of each week. I am so proud of the work they did during the months of November and December. NJHS students raised enough funds to create large food baskets with Shoprite gift cards for five needy families in our community!

We are continuing our Box Top for Education collection. Attached you will find an easy collection sheet.

There are still seats available to students in grades 6 – 8 for our PAL after school program. We offer at least one hour per day of **tutoring** in Math and ELA by our licensed middle school teachers and one hour of **homework help** each day by our licensed middle school teachers. We also offer middle school basketball (girls, boys and JV teams), step, cooking, track, robotics and much more! I strongly encourage all families to join PAL after school and take advantage of this free service provided. Please contact me directly to arrange the tutoring or homework help to meet your child's needs.

The end of the second marking period is January 29, 2018. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at any time at (718) 815-0186 extension 22717 or BSouffrin@schools.nyc.gov.

Sincerely,

Ms. BettyAnn Souffrin
Assistant Principal

What topics will the students learn today?

ELA – In January we will continue our novel *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton. We will continue a unit of study on the book that includes skills such as citing textual evidence and identifying theme.

Math – During January the seventh graders will work with geometry as they use equations and expressions to study area, perimeter, surface area and volume. The eighth graders will be solving linear equations and apply solution techniques and the properties of exponents to the solution of simple exponential equations.

Science – The students will begin their study of genetics in the month of January and continue it until the end of February. They will study how cells divide, how chromosomes copy themselves, and how traits are passed down from one generation to the next. The students will then predict genetic combinations using Punnett Squares, and they will describe the structure of DNA and how it works.

Social Studies – During the month of January the students will learn all about World War I. A Multiple Choice and Data Based Question (DBQ) exam will be given later in the month.



Test/Projects Dates

Jan 11th – Math Quiz

Jan 12th – ELA Wordly Wise test # 8

Jan 17th – US History essay

Jan 25th – Math Exam

Jan 26th – ELA Wordly Wise Test # 9

Check www.pupilpath.com for exact Science exam dates.



REMINDERS!

Students should be reading for 20 minutes every night to increase their stamina and comprehension. www.Readtheory.org is a great resource for students to use.

Please bring in sharpened pencils and calculators every day to class.

Required Reading



ELA – In Class: *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton; At home: Independent reading book

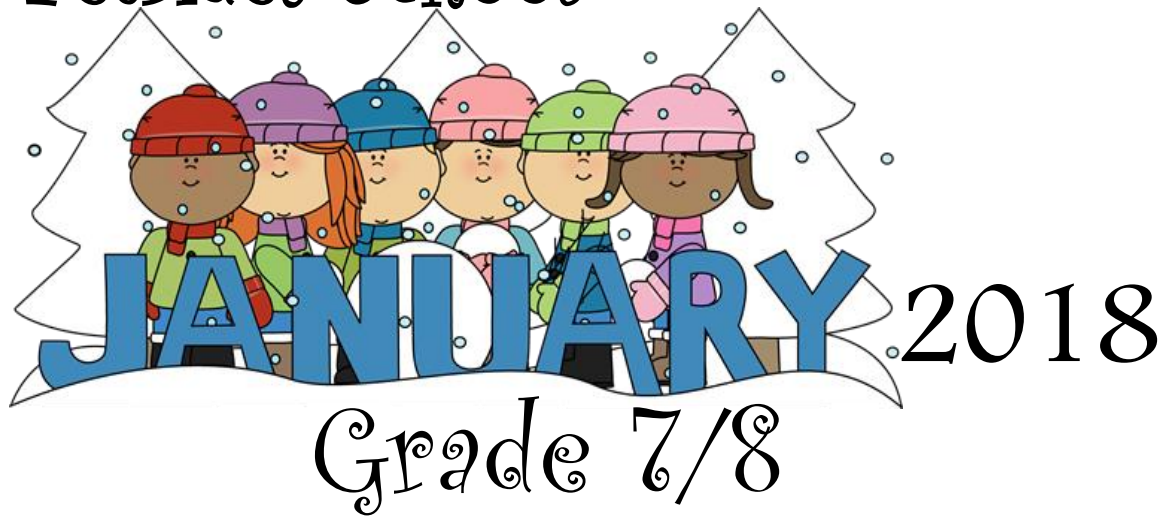
Science – Textbook – Chapters 10, 11, and 12;
Science World magazine articles

Social Studies –In-Class handouts and documents

School Closing

January 15th – Schools Closed
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

The Petrides School



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 Math Quiz	12 ELA Wordly Wise test # 7	13
14	15 School Closed Martin Luther King Jr. Day	16	17 Social Studies Essay	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Math Exam	26 ELA Wordly Wise test # 8	27
28	29 End of 2 nd Marking period	30	31			

Important Upcoming Dates:
February 16th through 23rd - Winter Recess
February 26th - School resumes